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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CHANGE IN ROK AMBASSADOR AND DCM

1. ROK MINISTER SHIN KEE HEUM TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THAT, IN FAIRLY SUDDEN MOVE, HE WOULD DEPART PARIS FEBRUARY 6 TO ASSUME POST OF DIRECTOR OF EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY. HIS SUCCESSOR WILL BE LHO YOUNG CHAN, COUNSELLOR IN ROK EMBASSY, MEXICO CITY, WHO IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN PARIS VERY SOON TO PERMIT FOUR OR FIVE DAYS OVERLAP.

2. SHIN SAID THAT ROK AMBASSADOR CHUNG IL YUNG HAD ALSO BEEN RECALLED TO SEOUL TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE. SHIN SAID CHUNG WAS ANNOYED AT HIS TRANSFER AFTER LESS THAN A "NORMAL" TOUR AND REFUSED TO MAKE FAREWELL CALLS ON QUAI OFFICIALS AND HIS COLLEAGUES AND DECLINED OFFICIAL FAREWELL ENTERTAINMENT. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, HIS SUCCESSOR WILL BE MFA VICE MINISTER YUN SEUK HEUN, WHOSE APPROVAL THE FRENCH CABINET VOTED LAST WEEK. SHIN COMMENTED THAT YUN SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE UP FOR THE DEFICIENCIES OF HIS PREDECESSOR.

3. SHIN COMMENTED THAT HIS SUCCESSOR WOULD BE COMING  
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DURING A FAIRLY QUIET TIME FOR FRENCH/KOREAN RELATIONS.

THERE WOULD BE MONTHS TO PREPARE FOR POSSIBLE UNGA PROBLEMS. IN ANY CASE, THE FRENCH HAD INFORMED HIM THAT THEY BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT TO AVOID DISCUSSION OF THE KOREAN PROBLEM IN TH\* 1974 UNGA GIVEN THE OUTCOME OF THE VOTE IN THE PREVIOUS UNGA. SHIN ALSO AID THAT HE HAD BEEN REASSURED BY THE FRENCH (PROBABLY DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ASIA DUZER) THAT MODEST CHANGE IN NORTH KOREAN TRADE DELEGATION WOULD IN NO WAY CONSTITUTE MOVE TOWARD ENHANCING OF PYONG YANG'S STATUS. GOF CONTINUES TO HOLD THAT IT WILL MAKE NO MOVEMENT TOWARD RECOGNITION OF DPRK UNTIL COMMUNIST COUNTRIES MOVE TOWARD RECOGNITION OF ROK.

4. SHIN HAS BEEN FAIRLY ACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE HERE WITH FRENCH AND HAS ALSO TRAVELED TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT ROK POSITIONS. HE HAS BEEN HELPFUL TO THE EMBASSY WHEN ROK INTERESTS WERE INVOLVED AS IN THE UNGA DISCUSSION OF THE KOREAN PROBLEM. WE THINK THAT HE SHOULD MAKE AN EFFECTIVE MFA DIRECTOR FOR EUROPE AND AFRICA SINCE HE HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO BOTH AREAS.  
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